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FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF SEPTEMBER 20 NOTE FROM
CARLOS BORDA, ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER (NOTE RECEIVED
SEPTEMBER 24):

QUOTE I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT
THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT HAS PRESENTED TO THE SECRETARY
GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND
DEVELOPMENT ITS REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THAT ORGANIZATION.
MY GOVERNMENT FEELS THAT ITS ADMISSION TO THE OECD COULD BE
OF MUTUAL BENEFIT TO BOTH COLOMBIAN AND THE MEMBER NATIONS
OF THE ORGANIZATION. COLOMBIA'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE OECD
WOULD SERVE TO FACILITATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CHANNELS
OF INFORMATION, WHICH WOULD ALLOW MY GOVERNMENT TO GAIN
A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ECONOMIC POLICIES OF THE
INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS. COLOMBIA, IN TURN, HOPES TO
MAKE KNOWN ITS POLICIES AND VIEWPOINTS.

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IN ADDITION, THE ADMISSION OF COLOMBIA AS A MEMBER

NATION COULD LEAD TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING IN FUTURE
INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALIZED
NATIONS AND THE DEVELOPING NATIONS, IN PARTICULAR, THOSE
IN LATIN AMERICA.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, I, IN THE ABOVE NAME OF THE COLOMBIAN
GOVERNMENT, RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR GOVERNMENT'S
SUPPORT OF OUR PETITION END QUOTE.

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